

# Indiana and Michigan News It's

## LAWSON CASE WILL GO TO JURY SOON

**Detroit Man Charged With Murdering His Wife, Soon to Know Fate.**

HOWELL, Mich., Oct. 24.—The case of Willard A. Lawson, of Detroit, on trial here charged with the murder of his wife while on a duck hunting trip two years ago, probably will reach the jury late Tuesday night.

Only a forenoon session was held Saturday and it is known the defense has several additional witnesses to call, besides the defendant. It should be decided he will take the stand. If the prosecution calls rebuttal witnesses, it is unlikely the evidence will be complete before Tuesday noon, and the afternoon probably will be devoted to closing arguments, and Judge Collin's charge.

**Six Character Witnesses.** Saturday's testimony was comparatively unimportant. Six character witnesses followed one another on the stand in rapid succession. These, including Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yaukman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaker, Mrs. McPhee and Mrs. Anna Sandman, the latter three neighbors of the Lawsons on Haslett avenue, Detroit, prior to the death of Mrs. Lawson. They testified they had never heard Lawson use harsh language in addressing his wife and that the couple seemed to enjoy domestic happiness.

To refute testimony offered yesterday by Edward F. Newton, the state's "star" witness concerning an alleged vulgar remark made by Lawson on a certain automobile trip to Redford, at about the time of Mrs. Lawson's death, the accused, and Newton were sitting together on the rear seat of the car, a man named Nealand testified that he and not Newton sat on the rear seat of the car with Lawson.

**Newton Wanted "To Get Even."** J. M. Jobett, an employee of the Lincoln Motor company of Detroit, could not be shaken in his statement that when Newton was re-employed by the Lincoln company, Newton remarked to him he would "get even" with Lawson.

J. M. Barnes substantiated testimony on Friday that Newton, while being questioned just prior to his last discharge from the Lincoln Motor company, had asserted he never heard of any domestic difficulties between the Lawsons.

Adjournment was taken until Monday.

## OUTH BEING HELD IN POISON ATTEMPT

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 24.—An alleged attempt to poison his father-in-law, David Bauer, a farmer living near Manchester, led to the arrest there yesterday of Chester Covell, and his arraignment before Justice Thomas here on the charge of attempt murder. He waived examination and was held for trial in circuit court.

The arrest by Deputy Sheriff Davidson, of Manchester, followed a week of investigation by Washtenaw county officers.

It is alleged that Covell Bauer was working in the field, Covell brought him a sandwich, and some water. The elder man thought he detected a bitter taste about the sandwich and threw it away, it is said. His dog picked it up and disposed of it and a short time later the dog became sick and died.

At about the same time, Mr. Bauer noticed that his mouth was sore and is said to have consulted a physician, who became suspicious. The doctor's stomach was sent to Lansing for analysis and it is claimed tests revealed a considerable quantity of strychnine.

Chester had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bauer since his marriage last February to their youngest daughter, Lila.

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## YOUNG GIRL FINDS RELIEF

**Wants to Tell Other Girls All About It**

Evansville, Ind.—"I am eighteen years old and have been bothered for several months with irregular periods. Every month my back would ache and I would feel drowsy and sleep. I work in a millinery shop and I went to work every day, but felt stupid and would have such cramps. I had seen Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advertised and had heard several women talk of it, so mother got me some. This Vegetable Compound is wonderful and it helped me very much, so that during my periods I am not now sick or drowsy. I have told many girls about it and would be glad to help anyone who is troubled with similar ailments."—STELLA LINXWILER, 6 Second St., Evansville, Ind.

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## \$25,000 GIFT IS OFFERED TO STATE

**Former Hoosier, Now in Chicago, Proposes New Park For Indiana.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 24.—Joseph H. Ripley, of Chicago, formerly a resident of Ripley county, proposes to give to the state land and money to the equivalent of \$25,000 toward establishing a state park near Versailles, providing citizens of the county will match his proposal with at least half this sum. Richard Lieber, director of the state conservation department, has announced acceptance of the gift by the state rests with Gov. McCray. Mr. Lieber said today.

Mr. Lieber, W. A. Guthrie, chairman of the conservation commission, and Mr. Hassmer have returned from inspecting the site of the proposed park. The land joins the east corporate "line of Versailles. There is considerable timber on the tract, which to a great extent is scarred and picturesque. Laughery stream winds through the ground and provides fishing as well as sites for bathing beaches.

Mr. Hassmer proposes there be 500 acres in the park. Land to be bought joins a tract he proposes to give. The sum remaining of his \$25,000 bequest after the land is acquired, will be turned over to the conservation commission and used for developing the park. Mr. Lieber and Mr. Guthrie say Ripley county people are enthusiastic with the project and plan a series of meetings to raise the money through popular subscription.

## 4 OFFICERS OF LAW AND ORDER ROBBED

BAY CITY, Mich., Oct. 24.—Someone who roams the wilds of Northeastern Michigan worships Epicurus and scoffs at justice. District attorneys, police officials and detectives. That is the deduction of Detective McHugh of the Michigan Central railroad at Detroit, and who betide the roamer if the railroad sleuths ever get his hands on him. If you want to see justice done with neatness and dispatch find the man who stole eight big partridges from Judge Arthur J. Tuttle's party the other night. The judge will take care of him after he is delivered into the hands of Assistant District Attorney Walter McKenzie, Police Commissioner James Inches, of Detroit, and Detective McHugh.

The men mentioned were at Vandenberg for the opening of the bird season, and after a few days bagged a goodly lot of game. The first night they had eight birds and strung them outside their private car to keep cool. The game was tied securely with United States mail rope, and the representatives of law and order retired to dream of the feast board of the morrow.

The men were up bright and early, ready to resume the hunt, when—horror! Little ends of rope dangled where a few hours before hung the choicest game of the forest.

The quartet looked each other over, bewildered. Then they all looked at the judge.

"Ain't that hell?" said McHugh. "What'll we do?" asked Inches. "Catch 'em," replied Judge Tuttle, "and I'll give 'em due punishment."

"It's an offense against the federal court," said McKenzie, "and I'll prosecute."

"I'll help to railroad 'em through to the pen," quoth the sleuth.

The next two days the party accumulated 32 more birds, but guarded them carefully.

## Watch Found, Lost 21 Years Ago By Farmer

LOGANSPORT, Oct. 24.—William Plank, while roaming through a woodland on his father's farm 21 years ago, lost a watch and chain. The farm was later sold, the land cleared and cultivation begun. Lawrence Flora, a farm hand, has just found the watch which had been missing more than a score of years.

## OAKLAND CLUB WOMEN WILL MEET AT ORION

ORION, Mich., Oct. 24.—The twenty-first annual convention of the Oakland county Federation of Women's clubs will be held here Nov. 2. Mrs. K. P. Rockwell, of Pontiac, will report as delegate to the state convention and Mrs. Otto Schaefer, of Pontiac, will give the report of the home economics endeavors of the federation.

## FARM SOLD FOR JUDGMENT

WARSAW, Ind., Oct. 24.—Despite the fact that profits from the Frank X. Thompson farm in Seward township amounted to more than half of a judgement rendered in the circuit court in favor of Charles H. Geiger, the tenant, the place was allowed to go to sheriff's sale to satisfy the judgement and was bought by Mr. Geiger for \$2,912.79.

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## NEW TRADE BOARD HEAD TRAFFIC MAN

**Frank G. Pick Leaves Position in Flint for New Duties at Port Huron.**

FLINT, Mich., Oct. 24.—Frank G. Pick, for four years traffic manager of the Flint Chamber of Commerce, who has announced his acceptance of the post of managing director of the Port Huron Chamber of Commerce, is a man who has risen through the different departments of some of the country's greatest railroad systems to his present position. It was in 1899 that Pick took a position as rate clerk and accountant with the Pennsylvania system. He remained there until 1902, when he became connected with the Southern railroad as rate clerk in the general offices at St. Louis. He advanced steadily until he became private rate clerk to the traffic manager, handling all litigation claims.

He took charge of the rate department of the fertilizer division of Armour & Co., Chicago, in 1908, where he was in direct supervision of 26 plants located at various intervals from Maine to California, including phosphate mines in Florida. In 1912 he became special rate clerk for the Studebaker corporation and in 12 months recovered \$41,000 for the concern from old freight bills.

In 1915 Mr. Pick started his Chamber of Commerce work, taking charge of the traffic bureau of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Chamber of Commerce. Two years later he came to Flint and started the local traffic department, which proved an outstanding success under his guidance, though it had failed on two previous occasions.

## ARRESTS MAY SOLVE BURGLARY MYSTERIES

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Oct. 24.—With the arrest of five members of a new burglary ring Friday night, the sheriff's department cleared up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a 400-pound safe from the home of Luther A. Parker, 1424 Academy st., several weeks ago, recovered part of the loot and obtained confessions to numerous house robberies in Kalamazoo within the last month. A half bushel of jewelry and silverware was recovered.

Those under arrest are Louis Bremer, Floyd Sager, Edward Clark, George Hall and James Brown, all youths between 18 and 20. Bremer admits he was a leader of the gang, in his confession of the former. Brown, Hall and Clark admit membership in the robberies and participation, both in the robberies and in disposing of the stolen property.

According to the story told by Bremer and Clark they and Sager entered the Parker home through a window. Discovering the safe and unable to force it open in the house, they returned downtown and obtained an automobile. They loaded the safe into the car and transported into the woods west of Oakwood park. Efforts to pry the safe open with the tools available failed and they returned to Bremer's home and obtained a chisel, crowbar and hammer. With these they opened the safe.

The \$25 in money found in the safe was divided up on the spot, while the jewelry and papers were turned over to Bremer and Hall for disposal.

## OUTLINES PROTECTIVE WORK FOR YOUNG GIRLS

PONTIAC, Mich., Oct. 24.—To show what has been accomplished through employment of a girls' protective officer during the past year, Mrs. Jeanette Lyons has filed a report with the supervisors. It shows that cases of 229 girls referred by various courts and officers have been handled and 173 cases finally disposed of. A number of important steps for welfare of girls have been taken, among them being establishment of the Girl Scouts, organization of the Girls' Protective league, investigation of dance hall conditions, a "Keep Fit" campaign and organization of the Travelers' Aid society.

## INSISTS ON STAYING AT INSANE HOSPITAL

PONTIAC, Mich., Oct. 24.—In spite of protests that he could not be admitted to the state hospital without a court order, a man who gave his name as Emil Marinella and his home as the "upper peninsula," refused to leave the office of the superintendent, declaring he was sure he was insane. He was finally taken into probate court and physicians, examined him, finding him suffering from a curable form of dementia. An emergency order was made admitting him to the hospital for treatment.

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## YPSILANTI COUPLE WEDDED 50 YEARS

**More Than 100 Guests Join in Celebration Held in Detroit Suburb.**

YPSILANTI, Mich., Oct. 24.—More than 100 guests, including old Civil war "buddies" and members of the Woman's Reserve Corps, this week helped Mr. and Mrs. Seth B. Mereness celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Harvey Day, of Willis, was the only guest who also was present at the marriage 50 years ago.

A program of old love songs and readings which were popular in the pioneer days was given. Mrs. Mereness, dressed in bridal white, and carrying a huge bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums, wore her whitened hair in curls, reminiscent of the style when she first went to the altar. Seth Mereness was born in Sharon Springs, New York, in 1845, and spent his early boyhood there. At the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted at the age of 15, served four years, took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, and other major engagements, and returned home still lacking two years of his majority.

He came west shortly after and settled in Ypsilanti where he learned the carpenter trade at the old Edwards and Cooper firm, starting at \$1.50 a week. How well he learned his trade, some of the finest homes in the city attest.

Mrs. Mereness was born in Augusta township in 1845 and came to Ypsilanti when a small girl, where she has spent practically her entire life. She was educated at the Normal, receiving one of the best limited certificates issued by the college. The two years before her marriage she taught in the Salline high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Mereness were married here by Rev. George Tindall in 1871 and have lived their whole married life here with the exception of two years spent on the Rosebud Indian agency in South Dakota.

## WOMAN FINED \$50 AFTER AUTO CRASH

**Mrs. Robert Burke of Muncie Figures in Motor Car Accident.**

Special to The News-Times: WARSAW, Ind., Oct. 24.—Entering a plea of guilty to a charge of operating an automobile while in an intoxicated condition, Mrs. Robert Burke, Muncie, was fined \$50 and costs by Mayor John A. Sloane in the city court here. A car driven by Mrs. Burke struck a machine owned and occupied by Edward Valentine and two companions, Warsaw. Mrs. Valentine was so badly injured that she required treatment in a Warsaw hospital. The damage to the two machines totaled \$1,500.

## LUNG ACQUITTED

WARSAW, Ind., Oct. 24.—Harry Lung of Syracuse, charged with fishing on Wawasee lake with a net was acquitted by a jury in the Kosciusko circuit court, following a trial occupying two days' time.

The principle witnesses against the accused were Deputy Game and Fish Commissioner Walker and Klick, both of LaPorte.

Another case in which Lung is charged with having had a net in his possession and two cases in which Mrs. Lung is charged with having a net and with using it on Wawasee lake, still are pending in the circuit court, and Prosecutor H. G. Graham says that he will insist on all three cases being tried.

## NIGHTMARE MAY HAVE CAUSED MAN'S DEATH

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Oct. 24.—Did William Alden Smith, 26 years old, who died a few days ago under mysterious circumstances, fall a victim to fright in a nightmare? That is the question local coroners and physicians are attempting to solve, following the verdict of a coroner's jury, Saturday, that Smith died of natural causes. Smith was found dead in his bed at his boarding place the morning after he returned home at midnight from a call on a lady friend. No trace of poison of any kind could be found. Several physicians testified it would have been possible for Smith to have been literally "scared to death" in his dreams.

## BIG ONION CROP

WARSAW, Ind., Oct. 24.—It is estimated by T. A. Parker, county agricultural agent, that farmers of Kosciusko county this year produced in the neighborhood of 40,000 bushels of onions.

Charles H. Geiger of Seward township alone produced 6,480 bushels.

## SAYS ALIENS PREYED UPON AFTER ARRIVAL

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 24.—"Eighty-five percent of the foreign born are fleeced and preyed upon before they have been in America three months," declared C. S. McGowan, chancellor of the American International college, in an address here.

"Unscrupulous persons misguide them and misrepresent things to them until the seeds of radicalism are sown. Out of the 8,000 aliens of last year, only 500 were authorized by the Federation of Labor."

This college is training leaders to combat these influences, there being at present 191 students listed, 41 of them young women. Students have to be over 26 years of age. Thirty-two different nationalities are represented there.

WARSAW, Ind., Oct. 24.—Despite claims of many farmers that the potato crop of northern Indiana was almost a failure this year, Frank Geiger of Franklin township this summer produced a total of 3,000 bushels of potatoes on his place.

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